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For:	ARRAYED WAVEGUIDE GRATING TYPE)
	OPTICAL MULTIPLEXER/DEMULTIPLEXER)
	CIRCUIT)
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Examiner:	Eric K. Wong)

SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97

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Sir:

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Statement of Relevance of References
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In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(3), the following concise explanation of the relevance of each listed reference that is not in the English language and unaccompanied by a translation into English is provided.

Chinese Patent No. CN 1273471A: LOW LOSS AWG DEMULTIPLEXER WITH FLAT SPECTRAL RESPONSE: An optical wavelength multiplexer/demultiplexer, capable of exhibiting flat spectral response characteristics while minimizing insertion loss, is proposed. The optical wavelength multiplexer/demultiplexer, used in WDM systems, includes a first slab waveguide for dividing powers of input optical signals coupled from the input optical waveguides, an arrayed waveguide grating for guiding the optical signals from the first slab waveguide therethrough in such a fashion that the optical signals have constant phase difference in neighboring waveguides, a second slab waveguide in which the optical signals from the arrayed waveguide grating converge into the focal positions according to their wavelengths, and a taper waveguide interposed between the second slab waveguide and output waveguides and adapted to obtain a flat spectral response while minimizing an insertion loss.

Non-Prior Art References

The following references are not prior art, but are listed herein for the Examiner's consideration:

Office Action from Chinese Patent Office dated January 19, 2007 for Application No. 2003-80107773X (English translation enclosed) which relates to the same invention as the present application.

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